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INCREASE WATER TRANSPORT, HARBOR FACILITIES

EXPAND BALTIC HARBOR INSTALLATIONS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel,
21 Feb 51

The capacity of Rostock harbor is to be increased by one million tons per year. Five new loading bridges are scheduled for completion by the summer of 1951, 2,000 square meters of storage area are to be roofed over, and additional hoisting equipment is to be installed.

At the port of Wismar, facilities for loading potash are being improved. The potash-dumping machine, the only one of its kind in the German Democratic Republic, will be roofed over to permit unloading of potash from freight cars under all weather conditions. A 20-meter-high potash warehouse with a floor space of 2,800 square meters is to be completed by 1 July 1951; a loading bridge and a gantry crane will be installed to increase the operating capacity.

At Stralsund harbor, construction is centered in the 120-meter East Pier, to be completed in 1953. Installation of a portal crane is scheduled for December 1951.

LAUNCHES TRAINING CUTTER -- Berlin, Taegliche Rundschau, 8. Apr 51

On 4 April 1951, the 32-meter training cutter Neues Deutschland was launched at the Buchholz Shipyards in Greifswald. Thanks to its technical equipment, the 350-ton ship, designed by chief engineers Henschke and Karries, is the most efficient cutter thus far constructed in the German Democratic Republic.

TO BUILD FREIGHTERS -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 28 Feb 51

In addition to its extensive repair program, the people-owned shipyard in Wismar is scheduled to build 14 ocean freighters by the end of 1955, five with a capacity of 3,000 gross registered tons, and nine with a capacity of 1,000 gross-registered tons. The first of these freighters will be launched in the beginning of 1952.

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TO ENLARGE FLEET -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel, 10 Feb 51

At the recent transportation conference of the German Democratic Republic it was announced that in 1951, 14 tugs and 53 freighters will be added to the [East] German Center for Navigation and Shipping.

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